

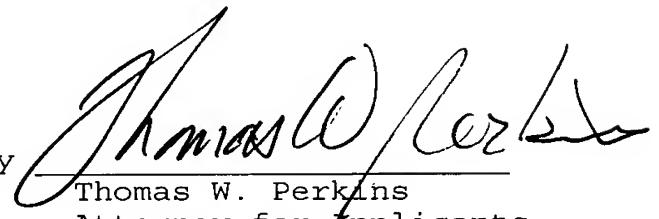
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, comprising the step of: adjusting the distance (D1, D2) between the anterior (8) and posterior (10) leaflet bases by varying the length of said stabilizing element (14).

6. (amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, comprising the step of: attaching the stabilizing element (14) to the atrial side of each leaflet base (8; 10), said stabilizing element (14) serving as a support for said leaflets (4, 6).

8. (amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 2-7~~ claim 2, comprising the steps of: encasing said stearable applicator (32) (catheter) in an inserting device (guidance sheath) for penetrating the human skin and achieving a venous access port; extending the stearable applicator (32) from a maneuvering device at a proximal end outside said access port, through the femoral vein, the inferior vena cava and the right atrium to penetrate the intra-atrial septum to the left atrium and; arranging the stearable applicator (32) (catheter) with a manipulative distal end (31) in one of said selected positions (26; 28).

15. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims 11-14~~ claim 11, wherein the distance (D1, D2) between the anterior (8) and posterior (10) leaflet bases is adjustable by means of varying the length of said stabilizing element (14).

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18. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~11-17~~ claim 11, wherein the stabilizing element (14) is comprised of a rod or wire.

19. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~11-17~~ claim 12, wherein the stabilizing element (14) is comprised of a number of rods or wires.

20. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~11-17~~ claim 13, wherein the stabilizing element (14) is a structure comprising a number of rods or wires.

21. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~11-17~~ claim 14, wherein the stabilizing element (14) is comprised of a strip or band.

22. (amended) A means according to ~~one of~~
claims ~~claim 11-17~~, wherein the stabilizing element (14) is comprised of a number of strips or bands.

23. (amended) A means according to ~~claim 21 or 22~~, wherein each strip or band is net-formed.

24. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~20-22~~ claim 20, wherein an intermediate section of each structure, strip or band is shaped in the form of a ring.

25. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~20-22~~ claim 20, wherein an intermediate section of each structure, strip or band is shaped in the form of a circular disc.

26. (amended) A means according to ~~one of claims~~
~~11-25~~ claim 11, wherein said stearable applicator (32) (cathe-

ter) is encased in an inserting device (guidance sheath) for penetrating the human skin to achieve a venous access port and extended, from a maneuvering device at a proximal end outside said access port, through the femoral vein, the inferior vena cava and the right atrium to penetrate the intra-atrial septum to the left atrium, the stearable applicator (32) (catheter) being arrangable with a manipulative distal end (31) in one of said selected positions (26; 28).

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